

Good morning,

I have just recently heard of the bill HB 5263 and I'm absolutely horrified. Please say no to HB 5263! My colleagues have created an easy to understand and factual list of reasons as to why you should say no to this bill:

- 1- Rabbits are the third most common household pet after dogs and cats
- 2- Due to public pressure, Petco and PetSmart stopped selling pet rabbits. They now only display rescue rabbits for adoption – the same treatment they give to dogs and cats.
- 3-Whole Foods and other specialty stores stopped selling rabbit meat after concluding there was no market for sales.
- 4-The multi-billion-dollar cosmetic industry has been moving away from using rabbits and other animals in their testing programs due to consumer pressure.
- 5-While the rest of the country has recognized and elevated rabbits as pets, CT is taking a step backward in proposing this initiative.

I beg of you, please vote no for this bill.

Thank you,  
Heather Wildman